

# NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM

205 West State Street, Trenton, NJ

[www.njstatemuseum.org](http://www.njstatemuseum.org)

General Admission to the Museum is **Free**

Hours: Main Museum Building & Auditorium Galleries; Tuesday - Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm ; Sunday, Noon - 5 pm;

Closed on [State Holidays](#)

June 2009

**Tuesday, 6/2/2009 and Thursday, 6/4/2009**

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**Wednesday, 6/3/2009**

### **School Day Performance**

#### **Jack Branagan: *The Ice Age and Its Mammoth Hunters***

**12:00 noon (60 minutes); Auditorium; \$2.00 per person**

The ice age conjures up all kinds of vivid images of animals and people long extinct. What boy or girl hasn't imagined what it must have been like living during the last ice age. Imagine thousands and thousands of years of snow compacted into giant sheets of ice; sheets of ice we now call glaciers. The show features Ooga the caveman in *Shadows of the Past*; explanations on how the Ice Age came about; how glaciers became known as nature's plows; as well as fossils, artifacts, and more. This is a perfect compliment to the Museum's exhibit, *Rising Tide: Climate Change and New Jersey*. **Related New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards: 5.1, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.7.**

### **NJN Film: NJN Specials**

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**Friday, 6/5/2009**

### **Food for Thought**

#### **First Friday Lunchtime Lecture:**

#### ***Luster of Lenox* exhibition tour and talk**

**12:00 noon (40 minutes); Main Museum building; free**

Tour this exhibition and learn about the beautiful and historic ceramic works created by Lenox, Inc.

**Tuesday, 6/9/2009**

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### ***Bookshelf – J.M. Benjamin***

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**Saturday, 6/13/2009**

## **Second Saturday Performance**

### ***Cubanana: Melodias Danzas de Cuba***

### **Presented with Young Audiences New Jersey**

**Grades: K-12; 1:00 PM & 2:30 PM; Auditorium; free**

When ¡Cubana! starts to sing and dance, it's not long before the audience starts clapping and wants to join in. This immersion in Cuban culture and history is enriched by stories and a special video filmed on location to illustrate key concepts. **Related New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards: 1.1, 3.4, 6.3 and 7.2.**

**Sunday, 6/14/2009**

## **Sunday Science Lecture Series**

**4:00 PM (60 minutes); Auditorium; free**

Robert Denton, discoverer and leading paleontologist of the world famous Ellisdale, NJ fossil site discusses his discoveries of dinosaurs, lizards, fish, and other extinct organisms from 75 million years ago.

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## **2009 Newark Black Film Festival in Trenton**

**Youth Cinema screenings at 1 pm; Adult Feature Cinema screenings at 6 pm; Auditorium; free**

The New Jersey State Museum and Friends of the State Museum, under the leadership of the NJ Department of State, are pleased to welcome the Newark Black Film Festival back to Trenton for the 6th year in summer 2009. Begun by The Newark Museum 35 years ago, the Festival has become a much anticipated event in New Jersey's Capital City. The Film Festival, one of the nation's defining voices on behalf of independent film, is a showcase for films that focus on the experiences and concerns of contemporary African-Americans, as well as an outlet for films about the African-American experience from earlier eras. The Festival is free to the public and provides emerging filmmakers, writers, directors and producers with a high profile outlet for their work. Audiences are able to have a dialogue with filmmakers, actors, writers and scholars in lively Q&A sessions following the film screenings. Planning is underway for the 2009 Newark Black Film Festival, which will run for six Thursdays in June and July. Please check the Museum's website at [www.newjerseystatemuseum.org](http://www.newjerseystatemuseum.org) in Spring 2009 for more information.